

Jersey Republicans Boom Gov. Driscoll For 1952 Candidate

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NEWARK, Mar. 25.—Republicans here are suggesting an Eisenhower-Driscoll Republican ticket for 1952.

If Gen. Eisenhower should refuse to become a presidential candidate, they ask: What's wrong with Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey for first place on the ticket?

Gov. Driscoll himself is saying nothing about his political plans at this stage of the game. However, he is accepting many invitations to speak outside of the State. He provided the bright spot for Republican hopes last November when elections here and there around the country went not too well for the Republicans. He was re-elected Governor, for a four-year term—the first four-year term for a Governor of New Jersey and the first time a Governor could be elected for a second consecutive term in office.

Is Prodigious Worker.
The New Jersey Governor, 47 years old, is a prodigious worker. He seems able to carry on day after day with scarcely more than four or five hours sleep. He was a marathon runner in his younger days, when he was a student at Williams College and his staying powers are still with him. A member of the progressive wing of Republican Party, Gov. Driscoll has given the State an excellent administration, and has put through a needed legislative program.

At the Republican National Convention in 1948, when a big block of the Pennsylvania delegation came through for the nomination of Gov. Dewey for President, Gov. Driscoll fell in line with the New Jersey delegates.

This may be remembered by the Dewey Republicans when it comes to 1952—though it also may be remembered by Gov. Duff of Pennsylvania, who fought the Dewey nomination and who believed that Gov. Driscoll would stand with him to prevent the selection of the New Yorker. Gov. Duff, a candidate for the Senate, is engaged in a brisk battle this year with the Grundy-Martin-Owlett faction of the Republican party in Pennsylvania. If Gov. Duff wins and is elected Senator, he will have aspirations for a place on the national ticket two years hence, also.

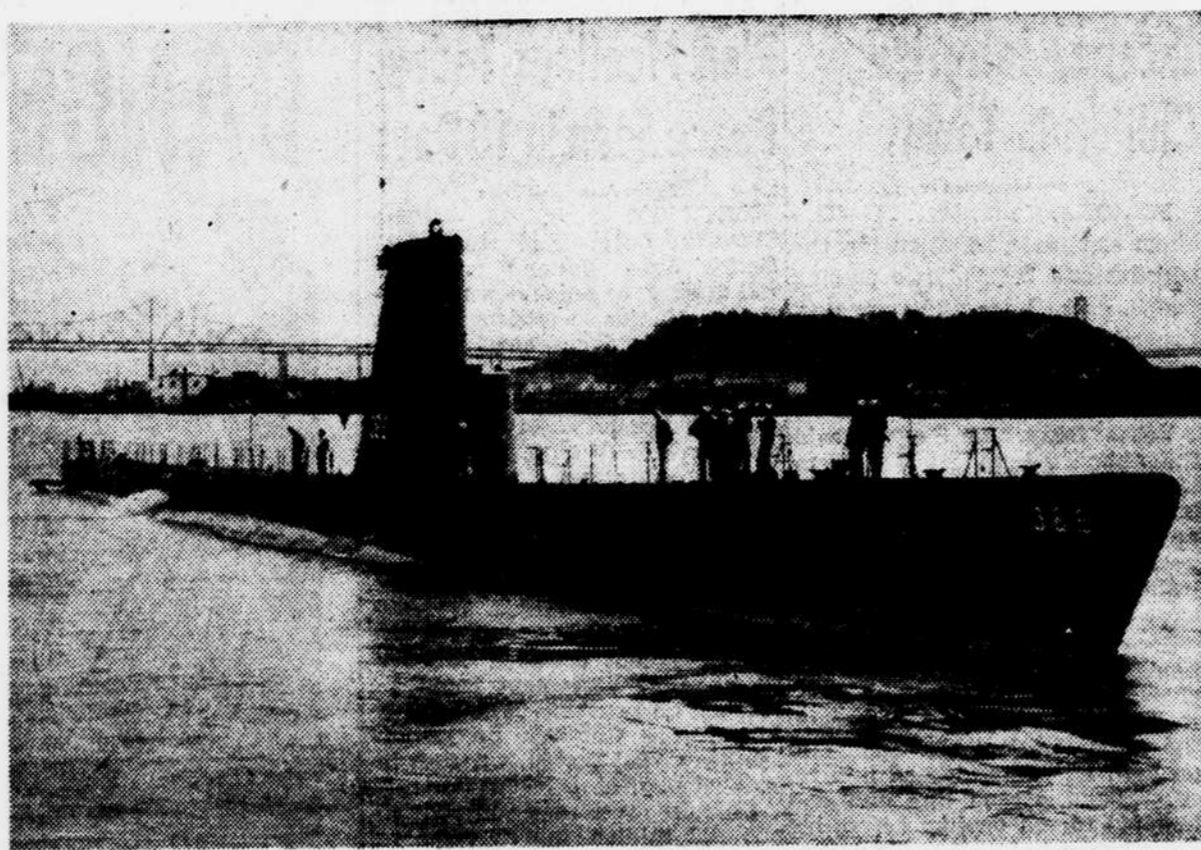
Wilson Was Last From State.
New Jersey has not had a potential candidate for nomination on the national ticket of either the Republican or Democratic parties since the late Woodrow Wilson was elected for two terms in the White House. It is expected that if Gov. Driscoll develops real strength, the Jersey Republicans will rally to him, although in the past he has rubbed several important Republicans the wrong way—among them former Gov. Walter Edge. Mr. Edge picked Gov. Driscoll to be his successor, but when Gov. Driscoll failed to carry on with some of Mr. Edge's pet projects, Mr. Edge criticized Gov. Driscoll violently and publicly. More recently, however, Mr. Edge indicated he would support Gov. Driscoll for a place on the ticket in 1952 if Gov. Driscoll should be in the running.

In the Jersey congressional delegation, there are two Republican Senators, Smith and Hendrickson, nine Republican members of the House and five Democratic members of the House. Neither Senator comes up for election next November—but all fourteen House members do. As of today it looks as though only three of the House seats are in doubt, two Democratic and one Republican.

Howell Faces Battle.
This could change, of course, in the coming months. Representative Charles R. Howell, Democrat, in the Second District, will have strong opposition from Gill Robb Wilson, if the Republican nominate him as they are expected to do this spring. Mr. Wilson is the aviation editor of the New York Herald-Tribune. He was a candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination against former Senator Hawkes in 1942 and lost out by a mere 3,000 votes.

The other Democrat who may be in trouble is Hugh J. Addison, representing the Eleventh District. His Republican opponent is expected to be former Representative Vreeland.

In the Second District, Republican Representative Hand will face Elmer H. Wene, millionaire chicken farmer, a former member of the House and the Democratic candidate for Governor last fall against Gov. Driscoll. Gov. Driscoll defeated Mr. Wene by 80,000 votes, but Mr. Wene ran strongly in the Second District, where



UNDERWATER TANKER ON SHAKEDOWN CRUISE—San Francisco. The U.S.S. Guavina, the Navy's first underwater tanker, lies off Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay just before heading out to sea for test dives. Until a year ago the Guavina was just another of some 100 war-built subs in the "mothball fleet." She had seen service in the Pacific. By adding long storage tanks on each side of her hull, the Navy converted her into an oil supply vessel for other submarines. She has a Schnorkel breathing tube to permit longer underwater cruises and is streamlined to compensate for the speed lost because of her greater girth. The vessel is 311 feet long and has a beam of 37 feet, instead of her former width of 27 feet. —Wide World Photo.

Gov. Driscoll was unpopular because of antisegregation laws he put through the Legislature.

Affected by Hague Split.
Gov. Driscoll owed his 80,000 plurality over Mr. Wene in considerable measure to the bitter row between Frank Hague and Mayor John V. Kenny of Jersey City. Mr. Hague, when he was mayor of Jersey City and Democratic boss of the State, was able to roll up Democratic majorities in Hudson County (Jersey City) of from 80,000 to 100,000. Mayor Kenny, candidate of the so-called Freedom party, defeated the Hague organization in the last city election.

Mr. Hague backed Mr. Wene for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Mayor Kenny turned on Mr. Wene, knowing that if Mr. Wene should win, Mr. Hague would come back into power. The result was that the Kenny followers in Hudson County cut Mr. Wene and voted for Governor Driscoll—and the Democratic lead in Hudson County for Mr. Wene was a scant 3,000.

Mr. Hague is definitely out of control of the Democratic party in Jersey, and Mayor Kenny is seeking to build himself into a position of State leadership.

Norton Place Creates Interest.
The congressional race which is arousing most interest today for the seat which has been held for a quarter of a century by Mrs. Mary T. Norton, an ardent Hague supporter. Mrs. Norton has announced she will not be a candidate to succeed herself. Her district, the thirteenth, is in Hudson County. Mr. Hague's old bailiwick where a Republican hasn't a chance.

Ten Democrats have announced themselves candidates for nomination but the race appears to lie between two widely known and well liked veterans of the last war, Alfred D. Sieminski—backed by Mayor Kenny—and James F. Murray, Jr., son of a member of the Jersey City Commission. The senior Murray helped Mayor Kenny defeat Mr. Hague—who he had been fighting for years. Now he is out to get his son the nomination for the House and resents Mayor Kenny's having picked Mr. Sieminski for the place.

Mr. Hague is watching the contest with interest. It would cause him no tears to have Mayor Kenny's candidate defeated, and there are rumors that some of the old Hague followers will support Mr. Murray.

Murray Was Aide to Dunn.
Mr. Sieminski at 38 is vice president of a large laundry company. A graduate of Princeton, he enlisted in the Army in World War II and served with distinction, reaching the rank of major. His wife is a Polish girl who was active in the Polish underground during the war. Mr. Sieminski himself is of Polish descent. There is a large block of Polish votes in the district. Mr. Murray, who is 30 years old, served in the Navy and came out as a lieutenant commander. For a time he was an advisor to Ambassador Dunn in Italy, and also was on the staff of former Secretary of State Byrnes when a foreign ministers conference was held in Paris. He married an Italian overseas and speaks Italian fluently. He is a lawyer. One of the eight other candidates also is named James Murray, Jr.

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Frank Jelleff Awarded Ground for Building Civic-Service Medal Of Middle School By Cosmopolitan Club Broken at Sidwell

Frank R. Jelleff, prominent in civic affairs for many years, has been awarded the Cosmopolitan Club's Distinguished Service Medal for "the most outstanding and unselfish service to his community in 1949."

Mr. Jelleff will receive the medal at a special meeting of the club, the date to be announced later. He was chosen for the award by a committee headed by John A. Reilly, president of the Second National Bank. Other members were A. W. Defenderfer, Maurice R. Colbert, William L. King, Robert W. McChesney, Fred Rice and William C. Kiesler.

Known officially as "Mr. Community Chest of Washington," Mr. Jelleff has played a leading part in that organization since its founding. He served as president of the Washington Community Chest from 1943 to 1945; was elected first president of the Chest Federation when it was formed in 1946; and was chosen head of United Community Services in 1948—an office he still holds.

President of Frank R. Jelleff, Inc., at 1214 F street N.W., he has also long been associated with boys' clubs here. He was in the group that launched the first Boys' Club here and served on its board of directors in 1919. In 1920, he was elected president and held office for 20 years.

Mr. Jelleff has also served as a board member of the Industrial Home School and as a member and president of the District Parole Board.

Kathryn Sommerman Wins Research Award
Dr. Kathryn M. Sommerman, 1518 Van Buren street N.W., received the Army's Exceptional Civilian Meritorious Service Award for outstanding research with the Agriculture Department's Alaskan insect project on Friday.

Dr. Sommerman, an Army Medical Department entomologist, received the award from Maj. Gen. Paul H. Streit, commanding general of the Army Medical Center.

Lynhaven Group to Meet
The Lynhaven Citizens' Association will meet at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Mount Vernon School. David Halcombe, new president, will preside.

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Pope to Lead Prayer Of Catholics Today For Jailed Churchmen

By the Associated Press
VATICAN CITY, Mar. 25.—Pope Pius XII will lead Roman Catholics throughout the world in prayer tomorrow for Josef Cardinal Mindszenty and other persecuted churchmen—most of them in Communist-dominated lands.

L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, said he may also deliver a pastoral address when he goes into St. Peter's Basilica to lead the crusade of prayer.

The ceremony will be broadcast by the Vatican radio beginning at 4:50 p.m. (10:50 a.m. EST) on the short waves of 31.10 meters, 41.27, 50.26 and the medium wave of 202.

The Pope called in an encyclical two weeks ago to all Catholic bishops for a passion Sunday crusade of prayer for a new order of "truth, justice and charity" and for "the opportune remedies for the present evils."

Lists Arms Race Among Evils.
He listed among these evils the armaments race, which he said leaves "the souls of all fearful and suspended," the fact that "frequently truth is replaced by lies," and the persecution of the church.

Though he did not mention Communism or Russia by name, he deplored that "in not a few countries the rights of God, the church and even of human nature are offended and trampled." Ministers wearing the highest insignia, he said, "are either removed from their seats, exiled and jailed or hindered so they cannot exercise their ministry."

The 1950 issue of the pontifical annual lists nearly all of the Catholic Church's hierarchy in Russia and her satellites as being jailed or exiled, some since 1929.

Tomorrow's prayers will be not only for Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned for life in Hungary, Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac, imprisoned in Yugoslavia, and other prelates who have been jailed and impeded in their ministries, but also for many obscure priests and laymen.

L'Osservatore, in a clear reference to methods used in the Mindszenty trial, said "the most refined scientific means (are used) to seek to annihilate the whole human person."

"These uses and methods create new martyrs of Christ, but before history they dishonor forever the men and the governments that use them."

St. Peter's Basilica, largest church in the world, is expected to be thronged for the ceremony on the Sunday marking the beginning of the church's commemoration of the suffering of Christ that ended in his crucifixion. The attendance will be swollen by Holy Year pilgrims whose numbers are increasing as Easter approaches.

Warning System Cuts Hurricane Death Toll
I. R. Tannehill, chief of the Weather Bureau's Division of Forecasts and Reports, says that in the five-year period, 1926-30, there was an average of 161 hurricane deaths for every \$10 million in hurricane property damage in the United States.

In the successive five-year periods through 1945 the average fatality rate dropped successively to 81, 26 and four.

"Now," he says, crediting better warning systems, "in the four-year period, 1946-9, the fatalities have dropped to an average of four-tenths death per \$10 million property damage."

Text of Hanson Letter to Senator Tydings

What happens to a man's standing in his community when charged with pro-Communist leanings was told yesterday by Haldore Hanson, chief of a technical staff working in the State Department on the Point Four program for aiding backward areas of the world.

Mr. Hanson wrote of his experience to Chairman Tydings of a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee investigating charges by Senator McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin. Senator Tydings released the letter to reporters last night.

Mr. Hanson lives here at 1233 Thirty-seventh street N.W. during the winter and at his farm in Loudoun County, 12 miles south of Leesburg, the remainder of the year.

Text of his letter follows:
March 24, 1950.
Dear Senator Tydings:

On March 13 Senator McCarthy in sworn testimony before your subcommittee accused me of having "pro-Communist proclivities" and of being "a man with a mission to Communize the world."

Immediately afterward, both at a press conference and in two radio broadcasts, I flatly denied these irresponsible charges. I pointed out that Senator McCarthy's charges were based solely on my public writings in China twelve years ago and that he had withheld from your committee and the American public the following facts which are public knowledge: First, that my assignment to cover the Chinese Communists was as a correspondent for the Associated Press in 1933; second, that the Chinese Communist armies were then under Chiang Kai-Shek's Supreme Command and were resisting the Japanese invasion; third, that the work of the Chinese guerrillas was one of the great news stories of 1938, and I wrote the story as I saw it. There is no mystery about any of my writings and I shall be glad to discuss them.

On the day that Senator McCarthy mentioned my name, I made known to my superiors in the Department of State that I desired the opportunity to appear before your committee and publicly defend myself against these charges and to answer any questions that members of the committee might have concerning me.

I knew that an examination of my record by your committee could quickly establish the complete falsity of Senator McCarthy's accusations. For the record, I submit that I was the subject of a favorable investigation by the Department of State at the time of my appointment in 1942. In 1947 as a result of irresponsible statements by Representative Busby of Illinois, I was investigated by the Department with favorable results. After the inception of the President's Loyalty Program I was processed under the government-wide investigation by the FBI which was completed in 1948. In these investigations my activities in China, as well as in the United States, were covered and my writings were reviewed. On the basis of this investigation I was again given a complete loyalty and security clearance by the Department of State.

In view of these circumstances I expected that I would be quickly vindicated by your committee, and that the slurs upon my devotion to the United States would be removed by your official action.

However, during the short time which has since elapsed, I am shocked to find that, as a direct result of Senator McCarthy's untrue accusations and insinuations, my family and I have been subjected to a series of humiliating incidents. Each of these incidents is probably trivial in itself, but shows what a chain reaction such irresponsible charges can have and, I fear, will continue to have.

For example, a man who feeds cattle on my farm in Virginia has been asked why he continues to work with "that Communist." One neighboring farmer began



HALDORE HANSON.
—Star Staff Photo.

last week to refer to me as "that Russian spy." A man near my farm made public remarks which could reflect on my credit standing, an indispensable asset in the cattle business.

A petition calling my family undesirable and urging that we get out of the community was circulated in a village near my farm. Most people approached refused to sign it. Several of

them were good enough to report the story to me. I understand a lawyer has now advised the drafter of the petition not to continue his activities.

If these incidents were the work of an occasional kossip, I would not dignify them in a letter to a Senate committee. But these cumulative actions occurred in a decent, educated, church-going community where I have owned a farm for five years, helped others, been helped by them, and enjoyed a reciprocal friendship and respect with many of my neighbors. I hold no resentment against those involved in these incidents, but I deeply resent the false accusations of a United States Senator, speaking irresponsibly and protected by senatorial immunity which can start such whisperings of suspicion and hate.

Therefore, I feel that it is of urgency for me to be granted a formal hearing before your committee at its earliest convenience, not only for the purpose of refuting Senator McCarthy's charges, but also in order that I may personally tell you and the other members of the committee what damaging effects such false accusations as Senator McCarthy makes can have upon an innocent American in his relationships with his neighbors and his community. I would like to do anything within my power to prevent others who are innocent from going through such experiences.

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